

brother, brother's daughter's husband, sister's daughter's husband, husband's brother's son, husband's sister's son, shall be and hereby is repealed and made void ; and all marriages heretofore made and celebrated by and between persons related within any of the said degrees of affinity mentioned in this act, are hereby confirmed and made valid in law, to all intents and purposes, from the time of the celebration of such marriages respectively ; and all penalties and forfeitures which may have been incurred under the said act, by any marriage within any of the said degrees of affinity, are hereby released and discharged, and the parties from the same forever acquitted ; and no penalties shall hereafter be incurred under the said act in consequence of any marriage within any of the said degrees of affinity herein before mentioned, but such marriage shall be good, sufficient and valid in law.

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#### CHAPTER 36.

AN ACT to enable any of the United States to prosecute actions in any court of law or equity against any person residing within this state.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* any of the United States shall be considered and recognized in this state a body politic and corporate, for the purpose of commencing and prosecuting any action in any court of law or equity in this state, by the name corporate and politic, which such state assumed on the establishment of its government, against any person residing within this state, upon whom such state shall or may have any claim or demand ; in which suit the same proceedings shall be had, and there shall be the same right of appeal, as in other cases ; *provided*, that some citizen of this state shall become answerable by rule of the court in which such suit shall be brought for payment of costs on behalf of such state, in case judgment or decree be rendered or given against such state.

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#### CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT ascertaining what shall be recovered on Protested Bills of Exchange, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* upon all bills of exchange hereafter drawn in this state on any person, corporation, company or society, in any foreign country, and regularly protested, the owner or holder of such bill, or the person or persons, company, society or corporation, entitled to the same, shall have a right to receive and recover so much current money as will purchase a good bill of exchange of the same time of payment, and upon the same place, at the current exchange of such bills, and also fifteen per cent. damages upon the value of the principal sum mentioned in such bill, and costs

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